



FOIA Reference No. 874300

March 19, 2019

Mr. Austin Evers
American Oversight
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Dear Mr. Evers,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of the Solicitor in accordance with 5 U.S.C. §552(a). The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy conducted an agency search for the following records from January 20, 2017, through the date the search is conducted:

- "All records reflecting communications (including email messages, email attachments, calendar invitations, memoranda or background material for meetings, or handwritten or typed notes taken during meetings) between any political appointees* at your agency and any employee or representative of Ballard Partners, including, but not limited to, any of the following individuals:
 - Any individual using an email address ending in ballardfl.com,
 - Brian Ballard, Sylvester Lukis, Susan "Susie" Wiles, Dan McFaul,
 - Rebecca Benn, Justin Sayfie, James "Jamie" Rubin, Otto Reich,
 - Raj Shah, Pam Bondi, Robert Wexler, Jose Felix Diaz, Katherine San Pedro, Karl Bowers, Sara Pennington, Hannah Walters, or Sara Nuvy."

Our search yielded records responsive to your request. We are releasing the 2 pages of records that are redacted in part pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(6).

Exemption 6 permits the withholding of information contained in personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

Your request for a fee waiver is approved. Pursuant to the Department's FOIA regulation at 29 CFR §70.40 (c)(3) no reproduction charges were assessed.

If you need further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request please contact the OASP FOIA Coordinator Ms. Terry L. Fryer at 202-693-5925 or by email at fryer.terry.l@dol.gov. You may also contact the DOL FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks, at 202-693-5427 or by email at hicks.thomas@dol.gov.

Alternatively, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) within the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. You can also reach that office by e-mail at ogis@nara.gov, by phone at 202-741-5770, by fax at 202-741-5769, or by calling toll-free at 1-877-684-6448.

Notice of Appeal Rights: You have the right to appeal this determination within 90 days from the date of this response, 29 C.F.R. §70.22. An appeal must be in writing and state the grounds for appeal, including any supporting statements or arguments. You should include copies of your initial request and this response. The appeal should be sent to: Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Appeals may also be submitted by email to foiaappeal@dol.gov. Appeals submitted to any other email address will not be accepted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Bascus", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Carol Bascus
Administrative Officer

From: [Mehrens, Nathan P - ASP](#)
To: [Justin Sayfie](#)
Subject: RE: Connect
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 12:30:00 PM

Yes, that is fine.

From: Justin Sayfie [mailto:justin@ballardfl.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 12:15 PM
To: Mehrens, Nathan P - ASP
Subject: Re: Connect

Nathan,

Would it be ok if John McNerney from the Mechanical Contractors joined us on the call today? I'm sorry for this late notice, but hee has more detailed knowledge of some of the issues I wanted to ask you about.

Thank you.
Justin

On Mon, Sep 11, 2017 at 3:26 PM, Mehrens, Nathan P - ASP <Mehrens.Nathan.P@dol.gov> wrote:
Sorry, but I need to move this. Would 3:30 work?

From: Justin Sayfie <justin@ballardfl.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 9, 2017 2:53:40 PM
To: Mehrens, Nathan P - ASP
Subject: Re: Connect

Nathan,

That's a good time. I will call you then.

Thank you and have a pleasant weekend.
Justin

On Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 7:56 PM, Mehrens, Nathan P - ASP <Mehrens.Nathan.P@dol.gov> wrote:
[How about Tuesday at 2:00 PM?](#)

Thanks.

-NPM

Nathan Mehrens
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From: Justin Sayfie [mailto:justin@ballardfl.com]

Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 5:46 PM

To: Mehrens, Nathan P - ASP

Cc: Bozzuto, Robert F - OSEC

Subject: Re: Connect

Bob - thank you for the introduction to Nathan.

Nathan - it's good to meet you via email.

Is there a good time on Monday or Tuesday I could give you a call to briefly mention 2-3 quick issues related to the prior administration's policies that are deserving of further consideration?

Thank you so much.

Justin

On Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 3:59 PM, Mehrens, Nathan P - ASP <Mehrens.Nathan.P@dol.gov> wrote:

Justin,

Good to meet you. My contact info is below.

Thanks.

-NPM

Nathan Mehrens

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From: Bozzuto, Robert F - OSEC

Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 3:59 PM

To: justin@ballardfl.com; Mehrens, Nathan P - ASP

Subject: Connect

Nathan,

I am copying Justin Sayfie to connect you two regarding a few questions that he had.

Bob

Bob Bozzuto

Department of Labor